

REMARKS

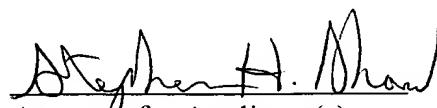
The Office Action dated April 29, 2005 has been received and reviewed by the applicant. Claims 1-40 are in the application. Claims 1-40 stand rejected. Claims 1-40 are cancelled and new claims 41-86 are added.

Claims 1-9 and 21-29 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Ginter et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,253,193 (hereinafter Ginter). Claims 11, 15-17, 31 and 35-37 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over Zhao in view of Koch "Towards Robust and Hidden Image Copyright Labeling" (hereinafter Koch). New claims 41-86 are added. It is respectfully submitted that none of the prior art of record discloses the use of a root key or message that is modified within the secure environment to produce a key or message that is different from the root key or root message.

Should the Examiner consider that additional amendments are necessary to place the application in condition for allowance, the favor is requested of a telephone call to the Attorney of Record, Peyton C. Watkins, 585-477-8282, for the purpose of discussing such amendments.

For the reasons set forth above, it is believed that the application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration and favorable action are respectfully solicited.

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Amendments to the Drawings:

Formal drawings are submitted herewith under Separate Letter to the Draftsperson. For the convenience of the Examiner, a copy of the formal drawings are also attached with this amendment.

Attachment: Replacement Figures 1-8